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WEDNESDAY MORNING'S FIRE.

One of the most disastrous fires Newport ever had—A Servant is Burned to Death—Great Loss of Rare Cloth, Bric-a-Brac, Etc.—The Building together with all the contents a Total Loss.

One of the most disastrous fires that it has ever been Newport's misfortune to have, occurred Wednesday morning in the burning of the two-story Queen Anne cottage on Church-st., owned by Mrs. Hannah Rudolph of this city and occupied by Dr. Chas. L. Fisher late of New York, together with his two sisters-in-law Mrs. Mangum and Mrs. Wilson, in which Mary Barry, a servant woman lost her life.

On retiring Tuesday night Dr. Fisher left the door of his room leading into the front hall open. At about 1 o'clock Wednesday morning he was awakened by the smell of smoke in his room, and jumping from his bed he rushed to the door, where to his amazement he found the lower hall in flames. All means of escape being cut off from the front stairs, he hurried to the apartments occupied by his relatives whom he aroused and told to follow him down the back stairs as the front of the house was on fire. He then went and called several times to the servant, Miss Mary Barry, who answered him, and told her also to escape. He then made his way down the stairs and out the back door with his two sisters and little niece, supposing of course that they were being followed by the servant, and not knowing the contrary until it was too late. The family had barely time to escape with their lives, leaving all their personal effects, etc., to be devoured by the flames.

Dr. Fisher having spent some fourteen years abroad, most of the time in China and Japan where he was for some years vice Consul, had a large collection of bronzes, China, rare shells, coin, etc., much of which was invaluable. For some of his rare specimens of coin he had refused as high as \$1000.

It is probable that Dr. Fisher together with Mrs. Mangum, whose late husband was for several years Charge d'Affairs in China, possessed the largest collection of rare and valuable bric-a-brac to be found in this city. Every thing was destroyed by fire, and the loss sustained by Dr. Fisher can scarcely be estimated, but it is probably not less than \$20,000, with no insurance. Mrs. Mangum's loss is about \$15,000, with \$7,500 insurance, and Mrs. Wilson loses \$5,000 and is insured for \$2,000.

Most of the things in the house were packed, preparatory to being removed to Mr. Geo. Finch's house on High-st., which the family had rented, and which they expected to occupy next Monday. Mrs. Rudolph, the owner of the burned cottage, was to occupy it herself when it should become vacant, and had purchased the carpets and chandeliers which are a total loss. Her loss amounts to about \$8,000, insurance on the house, \$7,000.

It was rumored during the fire that Mary Barry was seen at the front windows of the burning building, but, as her charred remains, together with the mattress of her bed, were found amidst the debris in the northeast corner of the ruins directly under her sleeping apartment, it is thought that the rumor was a mistake and that she did not leave her room at all. Miss Barry was 34 years of age, and a sister of John Barry who keeps a market in the Fifth Ward. Her remains which were burned beyond recognition, were removed by the firemen to a barn in the rear, and Coroner Topham was called, who, after viewing the body, adjourned the inquest to the Station House, where at 9 o'clock the jury met, and after hearing the testimony of several witness, rendered a verdict that the deceased, Mary Barry, came to her death by burning in the fire in the house occupied by Dr. Fisher. The jury were Samuel Albro, foreman; Wm. S. Bryer, Michael McCarty, John H. Bryer, Wm. H. Underwood and Isaac Clarke.

It being supposed that the fire originated from the furnace, Juror McCarty thought there should be a law providing an officer whose duty should be to inspect all furnaces before use and see that they were properly set, etc.

One Crime Less for Katie.

The story that Katie Judd visited jewelry stores in this city last week, trying to sell property which she had stolen from the Weaver family, proved, as the *MERCURY* predicted, sensational. The parties offering the watch for sale were Jere Sullivan and his wife. The watch has since been returned to Mr. Weaver for which Jere received \$5 with the promise of other rewards for whatever jewelry he would find in the debris carried from the later ruins. Poor Katie, it will be a long time before she can be sure of bartering stolen property on our streets again.

JUDD AND ROUNDS.

The Jail-Breakers Recaptured—Found in a Barn at the Rear of the Ocean House—The Theory of their Escape given in the *MERCURY* Last Week Confirmed by Katie—Their Conviction and Sentence—Quarter of a Century for Katie and Three Years for Rounds—Their Departure for Providence.

Though trouble between Geo. Babcock Hazard and Walter Sherman, over the boundary line dividing their two estates, was brought again Monday and the disgraceful scenes which were put a stop to some weeks ago, and which every body hoped would never be repeated, were renewed with additional energy.

The addition which Mr. Sherman has recently built on to his building comes with in about a foot of the line where the fence has been for the last twenty years or more. It seems that by not building clear out to the line he has the right of way to the rear of his premises by the alleyway between the two estates which is on Mr. Hazard's land and which leads to his tenements in the rear. Now as we understand it, Mr. Hazard claims that the said addition is built clear out to the line and that the fence in the rear should be moved back on to a line with the brick wall of the addition.

The deed of the property occupied by Mr. Sherman reads, so many "feet of land, more or less or however the fence stands," while that of Mr. Hazard's is simply, so many "feet of land, more or less." Now, Mr. Sherman claims that Mr. Hazard's object in tearing away the fence, is to remove the only evidence of the exact place of the line, and then claims that he (Sherman) has trespassed upon his land in building the said addition, and that he also has forfeited his right-of-way to two days and nights, he (Davis) went and procured staples for them. That night Davis claims he could not sleep because of a troubled conscience, and on Monday, being completely "broken up," sought the Mayor and relieved his mind by informing His Honor of the whereabouts of Katie A. Judd and Geo. H. Rounds.

From what we can learn it would seem that Mr. Hazard was in the wrong, though to a great many it seems singular that Mr. Sherman should allow Mr. Hazard to do as he does without putting an injunction upon his deprivations. It is not improbable that they both feel a little fear of a court's decision.

Monday morning the scene opened with Hazard tearing away at the fence with a fair prospect of soon having it out of the way. But Sherman having got "wind" of what was going on, promptly appeared upon the scene with his hose pipe, and by the liberal use of water succeeded in driving Hazard from the premises and keeping him at bay for some time. After waiting some time Hazard again attacked the fence, but Sherman's promptness in the defense caused him to lose his temper, and picking up a brick, he threw it at Sherman, but did not hit him. This sort of broke the ice, and gave the police, who had been kept busily at work in the wet and cold for hours keeping the street clear a chance to take a hand, in the affair, and Hazard was promptly arrested for assault and taken to the Station House by Officers Schoenemann and Danman. Sherman thinking he had got his adversary nicely caged, then left the field of battle, chuckling over his victory, but when in about an hour he was returned he was much surprised to find his fence demolished and bisected, who had been released on payment of a fine of \$10 and costs, in possession of the field. He sought his favorite weapon of defense, the hose-pipe, with which he kept Hazard at a proper distance while an employe rebuilt the fence. Sherman then had a warrant served on him for trespass, and Hazard was soon marching up to the jail in company with Sheriff Easton, vanquished for the moment but not disheartened. In an hour's time he had procured bail, got out a warrant for Sherman's arrest and was on the disputed premises in time to see Sherman taken into custody by the sheriff. But before Hazard could get fairly at work again Sherman was also out on bail.

New Grocery Business.

F. N. Barlow & Co. will open their new grocery store in Barlow's Block at 145 Thames-st this evening. This is one of the nicest fitted up and best appointed grocery stores to be found anywhere. Everything is new—new block, new store, new goods. Mr. Oliver F. Wilcox, late with John M. Deen, of Fall River, will have the management of the business. The new store has all been built from his planning and fitted up under his supervision. Messrs. F. N. Barlow & Co. will carry in stock everything to be found in a first class grocery store, together with a full line of crockery, glass, tin and wooden ware; also a full line of common family medicines, extracts, etc.

After eleven years of experience in one of the largest grocery houses in Fall River, Mr. Wilcox feels sure that he can please those who will patronize them. They propose to sell good goods at lowest prices. See advertisement in another column.

What Does This Mean?

Monday night, when they were recused in their several cells, Katie was heard to say to Rounds: "I told you two in our family were too many to keep a secret; the one goes to Fall River was enough to know!"

In F. N. Barlow's new store may be seen some elegant store signs, one on each of the five chandeliers, and one in each of the windows. They were designed by Mr. Oliver Wilcox, who got the first prize of \$25, offered by the *American Grocer*, for such signs last spring.

An entertainment will be given next Thursday evening in the Union Congregational church for the benefit of the pastor, Miss Wayland, will give a reading, there will be singing by the choir and solos will be rendered by Miss F. Mathews and Miss C. Burrell.

A little重, weighing about 11 pounds, made his advent into the home of our enterprising bather, Mr. Fred. A. Greene, Thursday. Long life and good health to the boy.

The ladies of the Central Baptist church will give a supper in their chapel on Thursday evening next. There will be music and readings. All are invited.

The members of the First Baptist church in Bristol have sent a vote of thanks to the friends in Newport who presented the Bristol church with an elegant pulpit Bible.

The Benj. Gardner Commandery, K. T. will attend divine service at the Union Congregational church Sunday evening.

Through all the preliminaries Katie sat listening intently, and when the judge gave her her sentence she received it coolly with the slightest trace of emotion.

At one o'clock the prisoners were taken to Providence by Sheriff Easton and Capt. Hammond, to serve out their sentences, much to the satisfaction of Mr. and Mrs. Jones whom they have so much annoyed since first taken to the jail.

SHERMAN vs. HAZARD.

Two Prominent Citizens Quarrel over the Boundary Line Dividing their Two Estates—Sherman Uses the Water and Hazard the Crow-bar—Each Arrested and Each out on Bail.

WHO GOT THE \$500?

The Conundrum Solved.

The fact that His Honor Mayor Franklin received information on Monday last which led to the re-capture of Katie A. Judd and Geo. H. Rounds, and for which the city are to pay, or have already paid \$300, without the name of the informant being given to the public, has created considerable comment. Many have thought that the person or persons giving the information had criminal knowledge of the whereabouts of the prisoners and assisted them during the time they were hiding from the authorities, under color of friendship, until the temptation to obtain the \$300 reward proved too strong for them.

Mr. Thomas F. Davis, living in the vicinity of the stable in which Rounds and Judd was found, told some acquaintances yesterday morning that last Saturday night at about 11 o'clock he went out to look for his son and noticed that there was a light in one of the barns near by. He entered and found a lighted candle in a bottle, but could find no person on the premises. He then stood leaning against the barn outside smoking for about twenty minutes or so, when the door opened and a man and woman appeared.

Davis said, "Is that you, Rounds?" The man answered, "It is." The woman then put up her hands and exclaimed, "My God! we are caught!" "Oh, no," said Rounds, "you won't give us away, will you Davis?" Davis answered, "Poor as I am, I would rather have given \$25 than see you." On being told by Rounds that they had not eaten anything for two days and nights, he (Davis) went and procured staples for them. That night Davis claims he could not sleep because of a troubled conscience, and on Monday, being completely "broken up," sought the Mayor and relieved his mind by informing His Honor of the whereabouts of Katie A. Judd and Geo. H. Rounds.

The following receipt taken by His Honor the Mayor shows where the \$500 reward went to:

NEWPORT, R. I., March 22d, 1883.

Received of Robert S. Franklin, Mayor of said City of Newport, Five Hundred dollars, in full payment of the reward offered by the advertisement hereto attached.

(SIGNED)

THOMAS F. DAVIS.

Witness of Signature

Wm. C. CONGDON, CITY MARSHALL.

Attached to the receipt is the advertisement offering the reward for the capture of Judd and Rounds.

The Gospel Temperance Work.

The gospel temperance meetings under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, and the ministrations of Rev. and Mrs. Barney, of which mention was made in our last issue, have been continued the past week with gratifying success. Large crowds have been in attendance. As a result of this work some six hundred names have been obtained to the total abstinance pledge, some of whom have been "plucked as brands from the burning," and quite a number have started on the road to a higher life. Mr. and Mrs. Barney have closed their work here. They leave a good record and many friends behind them. From here they go to Norwalk, Ct., where they have a two weeks' engagement.

In addition to the above the Passionist Fathers have been putting in some good work for the temperance cause at St. Mary's church. They have spoken in plain terms of the dire results of the sale and use of intoxicating liquors. The result is a marked decrease of cases of intoxication among the Catholic population.

For the coming week the meetings will be continued every evening in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, while Miss Sarah Carpenter and Mrs. Danman, who have been continuing the work here, will be succeeded by Rev. and Mrs. Barney, who will be in charge of the work.

The Democratic State Convention.

The Democratic State Convention was held in Slade Hall, Providence, Tuesday. Every town in the State was represented except Jamestown, Middletown and Tiverton in the county. The convention was very enthusiastic and did its work with a good degree of unanimity. The following is the list of delegates from this county:

Newport—John Waters, Michael Butler,

Patrick H. Hogan, Julius Sayer, John E. Ladd, William M. Austin.

Portsmouth—L. D. Tallman, William L. Fish.

New Shoreham—A. J. Ross, John E. Littlefield.

Jamesport—No delegation.

Middletown—No delegation.

Tiverton—No delegation.

Little Compton—Isaac B. Cowen, Henry T. Slosson.

Hon. Charles H. Paige, of Scituate, was made chairman, and John M. Brennan and Hugh J. Carroll, secretaries. The informal ballot for Governor stood: Wm. Sprague 77, Chas. R. Cutler 18, Thos. W. Segar 2, J. B. Barnaby 1, and ex-Governor Sprague was made the nominee amid tremendous applause. Atcompton was then appointed to confer with the committee from the Independent convention of last week in regard to the rest of the ticket. Capt. John Waters was the member of that committee from Newport county. The committee reported Charles H. George, of Providence, for Lieut. Governor, Warren, R. Pearce, of Providence for Secretary of State, Willard Sayles, of Providence, for Attorney General and James B. Cottrell, of Newport, for General Treasurer. These recommendations were unanimously adopted by the convention. A State central committee was chosen of which Capt. Waters, Geo. P. Leonard of Newport, and Asa B. Anthony of Portsmouth are the Newport county members.

Real Estate Sales and Rentals.

The trustees of the Newport Hospital have sold through J. Neilson Howard & Co., a lot of land containing 14,000 square feet, on Gibbs Avenue to Mrs. M. P. T. Cowles, daughter of Senator Thurman.

Mrs. Geo. C. Gram has rented through Frank B. Porter & Co., her cottage on First and Second Beach-ave, to Gen. Frederick Townsend, of Albany, for the season.

Store, No. 2 in "Whitehall," Bellevue-ave has been rented, through J. Neilson Howard & Co., to